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Applicants:	Witt et al.
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR WARMING FOOD
Application No.:	To be determined
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Examiner:	To be determined
Art Unit:	To be determined
Attorney Docket No.:	032016-0127

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)

Applicants hereby petition the Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) to make special the instant application. It is believed that no fee is due for the instant petition; however, should a fee be required, the PTO is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 06-1447. This petition is submitted on the grounds that one of the present applicants is 65 years of age or more as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c). The basis for the petition is to obtain special status for this application so that it receives expedited prosecution.

M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV provides that "[a]n application may be made special upon filing a petition including any evidence showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or applicant's statement. No fee is required for such a petition."

In the present case, Allan Witt is greater than 65 years of age. A copy of his notarized birth certificate and his notarized statement that he is over 65 years of age is attached hereto, thereby providing evidence that Allan Witt is greater than 65 years old and meets the requirements for awarding "special" status to the present application.

Applicants believe they have satisfied all of the requirements for this patent application to be granted special status. Granting this petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE (M.P.E.P. § 708.02)

I, Allan Witt presently of 2585 Eagle Ridge Lane, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645, am an inventor of the above-identified invention. I hereby state that I am over 65 years of age.

1/05/04
Date

Signature

State of North Carolina
)ss.
County of Caldwell)

On this 5th day of January, 2004, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Allan Witt, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Kelly Scott
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-24-06

(Seal)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Birth Certificate

This is to certify that

Allan Earl Witt

was born July 27, 1936 in Stafford

Father's name Earl M. Witt

Mother's maiden name Ruth Gildermeister

The full record of this birth has been carefully filed and is preserved in the archives of the State of Connecticut.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH · CONNECTICUT

Stanley H. Osborn, M. D.
Commissioner of Health.

A. E. Ingraham, M. D.
Director Bureau of Child Hygiene.

EVERY MOTHER IS ENTITLED TO A BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR HER CHILD.

Form O-V.S. 52 10M (11-35)

SAVE THIS CAREFULLY. IT MAY BE DEMANDED FOR ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.

This certificate is sent for the purpose of determining the correctness of the original on file in this office. It should be preserved for the child whose certificate it is. If not correct it should be returned to

STANLEY H. OSBORN, M. D., C. P. H., *Commissioner*,
State Department of Health,
Drawer K, Station A,
Hartford, Connecticut.

date 15-04

Kelly Scott Notary North Carolina
Caldwell County My Commission Expires 1-24-06